

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1, 2, 3a and 3b. These sheets, which include Figs. 1, 2, 3a and 3b, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1, 2, 3a and 3b. Figures 1, 2, 3a and 3b have been labeled "Prior Art".

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (4)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Applicant submits herewith Replacement sheets wherein Figures 1, 2, 3a and 3b have been labeled "Prior Art" as required by the examiner.

The specification has been amended so as to overcome the inadvertent grammatical errors noted by the examiner on Pages 2 and 3.

The examiner rejected previously submitted claims 1-3 as being unpatenable over White in view of Essenpreis.

Claim 5 has been rejected over White in view of Essenpreis in further view of U.S. Publication to Ou-Yang et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the examiner's rejection. A review of the '609 document to White demonstrates that the technical purpose of the White invention is to allow for easy update of parameter values and procedure routines which are frequently changed or improved using pluggable memory key. See, for example, column 3 lines 18-33. The Essenpreis '213 document has the technical purpose of guarding against fraud activity through a ROM circuit containing calibration data and an identifier for monitoring subscription use. In this regard see column 2 lines 9-24 and column 4 lines 11-24.

It is respectfully submitted that the sum total teachings of White and Essenpreis fail to teach, disclose, suggest or render obvious the subject matter claimed in independent claim 1 and previously submitted dependent claims 2-5. Firstly, the White and Essenpreis references do not disclose or teach two receiving holes in a one meter body. Although the examiner asserts that the feature of two receiving holes in a one meter body is obvious from a combination of White and Essenpreis, it

is noted that both White and Essenpreis accomplished the objects of each of their inventions, respectfully, through a combination of a receiving slot in a ROM circuit wherein the ROM circuit is an indispensable component for each of the inventions of White and Essenpreis. Therefore, White and Essenpreis disclose receiving slots for strips and a ROM circuit; however, the invention as claimed wherein only two receiving holes are in a one meter body can not be said to be gleaned from the sum total teachings of White and Essenpreis. In addition to the foregoing, in accordance with the present invention the display pattern is changed in accordance with the receiving hole into which the measuring strip is inserted. New dependent claim 6 is drawn to this additional feature of the present invention. Neither White nor Essenpreis teach, disclose, suggest or render obvious changing the display pattern as claimed in new dependent claim 6.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims as pending patentably define over the combination of White and Essenpreis under 35 U.S.C. 103 and an early issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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